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SUBJECT: ACADEMICS DETAINED IN ZAMBIA

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1. MRS. BURGESS CLIFFE AND MRS. LONGHI AND THEIR CHILDREN
ARE WELL, AND THEY HAVE NO KNOWN PROBLEMS EXCEPT FOR DETENTION
OF HUSBANDS.

2. BECAUSE UNZA CAMPUS IS CLOSED TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL
AND MR. LONGHI AND MRS. BURGESS-CLIFFE CANNOT BE REACHED
BY TELEPHONE, THEY HAVE AGREED TO RETURN TO EMBASSY IN
NEAR FUTURE TO CHECK FOR MESSAGES. AS SOON AS MRS. LONGHI
CONTACTS US, WE WILL ASK HER TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INFORMATION
REQUESTED BY WILEY. SEIDMAN'S OFFER OF BLOCKED ACCOUNT WILL
ALSO BE PASSED TO MRS. LONGHI AT THAT TIME.

3. EFFORTS ARE REPORTEDLY BEING MADE TO COLLECT A FUND IN
ZAMBIA TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN LEGAL DIFFICULTY, BUT THIS WOULD
PROBABLY NOT ASSIST FACULTY MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND BOTH
MRS. LONGHI AND MRS. BURGESS-CLIFFE HAVE OBTAINED LEGAL
COUNSEL.

4. CLIFFE AND LONGHI WERE DETAINED UNDER PRESERVATION OF
PUBLIC SECURITY ACT WHICH ALLOWS GRZ TO HOLD THEM FOR
UNLIMITED TIME WITHOUT SPECIFYING CHARGES. THERE HAS BEEN NO
CHANGE IN THEIR STATUS SINCE ARREST. FROM SIMILAR CASES IN
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THE PAST, WE BELIEVE THEY MAY BE DETAINED FOR AN INDEFINITE

PERIOD WHILE POLICE INVESTIGATION IS SLOWLY COMPLETED. FYI.
AT THIS POINT WE CONSIDER IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SPECULATE EITHER
ON OUTCOME OF THIS INVESTIGATION OR ON PROSPECTS FOR EARLY RELEASE
OF EITHER CLIFFE OR LONGHI.
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